

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer and a hard coat layer, wherein the layers are laminated in order, wherein the adhesive layer is in contact with the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing a curable composition containing difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000 to 20,000, and optionally one or more polymerizable compounds, and wherein the content of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate is 80 or more percent by mass to the total amount of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate and either the one or more polymerizable compounds, and wherein the one or more polymerizable compounds are selected from a group consisting of styrene, vinyl pyrrolidone, (meth)acrylic acid ester and urethane (meth)acrylate having three or more functional groups.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is 2 to 30 micrometers, and the thickness of the hard coat layer is 2 to 20 micrometers.

4. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hard coat layer is a hard coat layer comprising a filler.

5. (withdrawn): A method for producing a pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises applying urethane (meth) acrylate on a surface of a

releasing agent layer in a plastic film having the releasing agent layer, followed by curing, to form a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, applying a hard coat agent on the surface of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, followed by curing, to form a hard coat layer, laminating a process film on a surface of the hard coat layer, and then peeling the above plastic film having a releasing agent layer, and subsequently forming a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on the exposed surface of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer.

6. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein a protecting film is laminated on the surface of the hard coat layer.

7. (currently amended): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 8,000 to 20,000 14,000.

8. (currently amended): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate is 95 or more percent by mass to the total amount of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate and optionally other polymerizable compounds selected from the group consisting of vinyl pyrrolidone, (meth)acrylic acid ester and urethane (meth)acrylate having three or more functional groups.

9. (currently amended): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 4, wherein the hard coat layer comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a thermosetting hard coat agent of silicone hard coat agent and an ultraviolet curable hard coat agent, wherein said ultraviolet curable hard coat agent is a

polyfunctional ultraviolet curable acrylic compound having three or more functional groups and
is selected from the group consisting of acrylates, urethane acrylates and polyester acrylates.